

# Senate File 409 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC GROWTH  
(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1299)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of regional sports authority  
2 districts by convention and visitors bureaus in certain cities  
3 and making appropriations.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
5 TLSB 2698SV 82  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 15E.321 REGIONAL SPORTS  
1 2 AUTHORITY DISTRICTS == APPROPRIATION.  
1 3 1. As used in this section, "district" means a regional  
1 4 sports authority district certified under this section.  
1 5 2. A convention and visitors bureau may apply to the  
1 6 department for certification of a regional sports authority  
1 7 district which may include more than one city and more than  
1 8 one convention and visitors bureau within the district. The  
1 9 department shall not certify more than ten such districts.  
1 10 3. Each district shall actively promote youth sports, high  
1 11 school athletic activities, the special olympics, and other  
1 12 nonprofessional sporting events in the local area.  
1 13 4. Each district shall be governed by a seven-member board  
1 14 consisting of seven members appointed by the convention and  
1 15 visitors bureau filing the application pursuant to subsection  
1 16 2. At least three members of the board shall consist of city  
1 17 council members of any cities located in the district. Each  
1 18 board shall be responsible for administering programs designed  
1 19 to promote the activities enumerated in subsection 3.  
1 20 5. For each fiscal year there is appropriated from the  
1 21 general fund of the state to the department of economic  
1 22 development two million dollars to be distributed to all  
1 23 regional sports authority districts certified by the  
1 24 department as operating qualifying programs on an equal basis.  
1 25 6. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
1 26 17A necessary for administration of this section.

### EXPLANATION

1 28 This bill relates to the establishment of regional sports  
1 29 authority districts and makes appropriations.  
1 30 The bill allows a convention and visitors bureau to apply  
1 31 to the department of economic development for certification of  
1 32 a regional sports authority district which may include more  
1 33 than one city and more than one convention and visitors bureau  
1 34 within the district. The bill provides that each district  
1 35 shall actively promote youth sports, high school athletic  
2 1 activities, the special olympics, and other nonprofessional  
2 2 sporting events in the local area. The bill provides that  
2 3 each district shall be governed by a seven-member board. Not  
2 4 more than 10 districts can be certified under the bill.  
2 5 The bill provides that each fiscal year the department of  
2 6 economic development is appropriated \$2 million from the  
2 7 general fund of the state to be distributed to all regional  
2 8 sports authority districts operating qualifying programs on an  
2 9 equal basis.  
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